



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

WHEREAS, throughout Virginia's history, citizens have actively volunteered their time, talent, and energy to improve our communities and make our Commonwealth a better place; and

WHEREAS, countless Virginians enhance the quality of life of others by volunteering with service organizations, in schools, places of worship, hospitals, youth groups, and with other organizations that benefit our communities; and

WHEREAS, volunteer service is needed now more than ever to tackle the tough social, economic, cultural, and humanitarian needs of Virginians; and

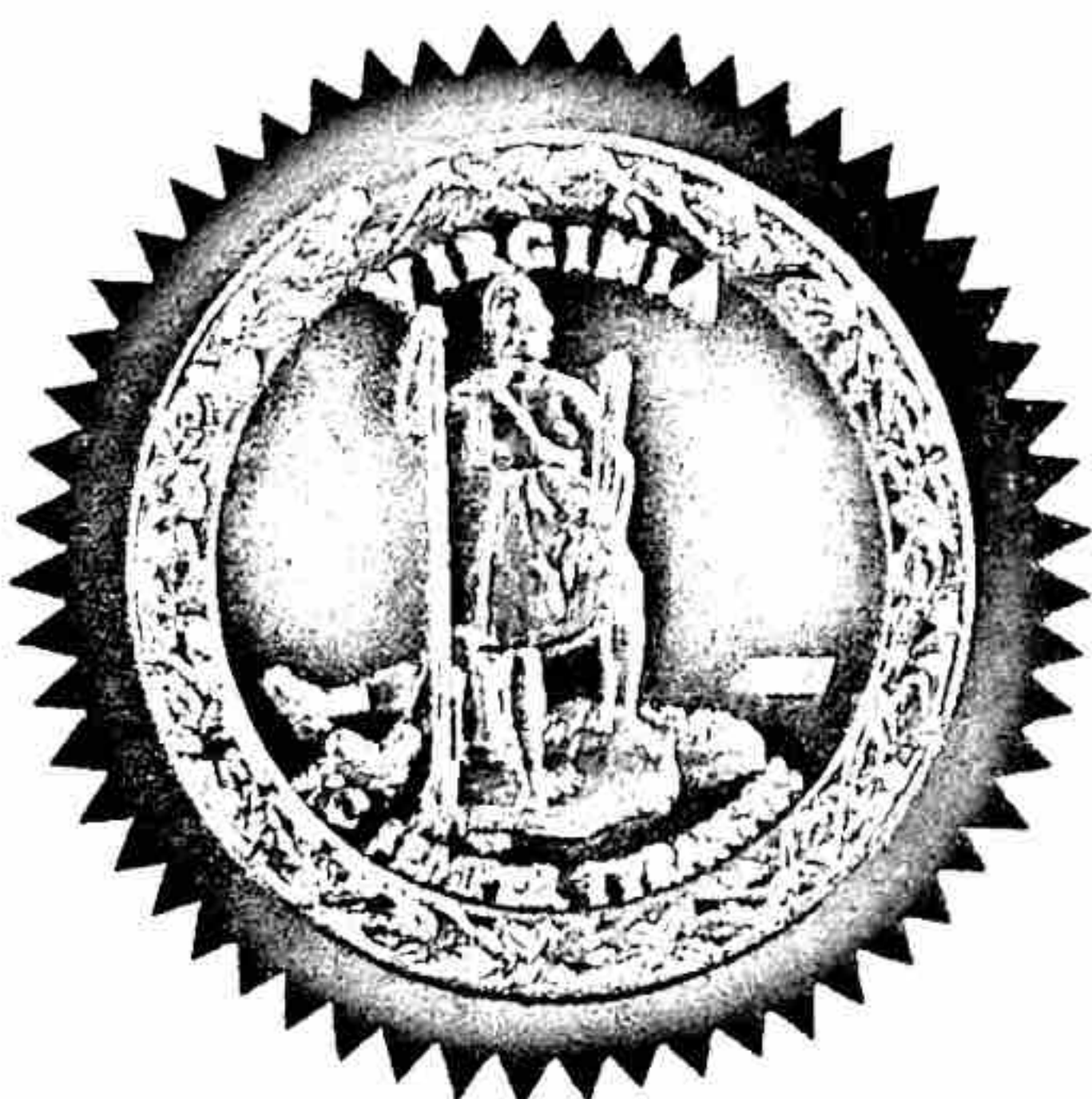
WHEREAS, the spirit of volunteerism grows stronger in the face of even the most challenging situations; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to honor the many individuals and organizations who lend their time, skill, and effort to making our communities better places; and

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week is a 45-year-old tradition enacted in 1974 by President Nixon, that designates a special time to recognize and celebrate the contributions of volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Virginians are encouraged to volunteer during this week and year round, as a reminder that giving back to the community creates a cycle that strengthens the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize April 7-13, 2019, as **NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth